

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address impairments in the Mountain Run and Mine Run watersheds. The subject stream segments are identified in Virginia's *2002 303(d) Report on Impaired Waters* as impaired due to exceedances of the State's water quality criterion for fecal coliform bacteria.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) list.

The impaired stream segments are located in Orange County. The first impairment is a 9.79-mile segment of Mountain Run that extends from the confluence of Mill Run to Mountain Run, approximately 0.25 rivermiles downstream of Route 617, downstream to its confluence with Mine Run, near the Orange County line. The second impairment is a 9.95-mile segment of Mine Run that extends from the confluence of Cormack Run to Mine Run, approximately 0.6 rivermiles upstream of Route 20, and continues downstream to its confluence with the Rapidan River, at the Orange County line.

The second public meeting on the development of the Mountain Run and Mine Run Bacteria TMDLs will be held on **Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.** at Unionville Elementary School, located at 10285 Zachary Taylor Highway (Rt. 522) in Unionville, Virginia.

The public comment period will begin on January 19, 2005 and end on February 17, 2004. Fact sheets on the development of the TMDLs for the impairments referenced above are available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Bryant Thomas. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Mr. Bryant Thomas, Department of Environmental Quality, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia, 22193, telephone (703) 583-3843, Fax (703) 583-3841, or e-mail bhthomas@deq.virginia.gov.